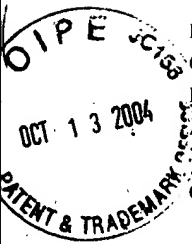


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the amendments and remarks detailed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 6.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.